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E. O. 11562: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN

SUBJ: 26 TH WHA: APPLICATION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: ( A ) STATE 53771 ( B ) SEOUL 1697 ( NOT SENT GENEVA )

SUMMARY: MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR HAN HAS BEEN ORDERED TO GENEVA FOR WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ( WHA ) MEETING, AND WILL NOT GO TO EAST AFRICA, REFLECTING ROKG' S CURRENT PRIORITIES IN DIPLOMATIC COMPETITION WITH NORTH KOREA.

1. CONCERN WITH 26 TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY FROM MAY 7 TO MAY 25 AS A TEST CASE FOR ISSUE OF NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UN ORGANIZATIONS HAS PROMPTED MOFA TO SEND ITS IO BUREAU DIRECTOR, HAN WOO SUK, TO GENEVA INSTEAD OF OT EAST AFRICA. HAN WAS TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MISSION SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ROK UN POSITION IN RWANDA, MAURITIUS, AND MADAGASCAR. HOWEVER, AFTER ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS TO JOIN MISSION LEADER HE WENT INSTEAD TO GENEVA, WHERE HE WILL REMAIN INDEFINITELY.

2. MOFA UN SECTION CHIEF LEE INFORMS US THAT THE ROKG HAS NOW DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP UNTIL THE 27 TH WHA. HAN WILL BE SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION.

3. ROK AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA  
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PAK TONG CHIN IS CURRENTLY LEADING A ROK MISSION TO WEST  
AFRICA. MOFA APPARENTLY FEELS HE SHOULD PROCEED AS PLANNED  
BUT IN THE MEANTIME, FOR AT LEAST AS LONG AS PAK IS AWAY,  
DIRECTOR HAN WILL BE IN GENEVA TO STRENGTHEN THE ROK  
LOBBYING EFFORT.  
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